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In re Application of: **Miekka et al.**)  
Application No. **09/960,703**) Art Unit: **1744**  
Filing Date: **September 24, 2001**) Examiner: **Krisanne Jastrzab**  
For: **Methods for sterilizing biological materials**)  
**containing non-aqueous solvents**)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

This paper responds to the Final Office Action, dated May 16, 2006, time for response to which expired August 16, 2006. A petition for a two months extension of time is filed concurrently, thereby extending the period for response to October 16, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.